

**REMARKS**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 11, 2007, the claims have been amended to show their proper status identifiers.

**Conclusion**

Upon entry of the above claim amendments, claims 1-15 remain active in this application. Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, this case should now be ready to pass to issue; and Applicant respectfully requests a prompt favorable reconsideration of this matter.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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